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**Abstract**

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The invention relates to the use of catechins or bile acid esters of catechin or aqueous or organic extracts from plants or plant parts which contain catechins or bile acid esters of catechins, for example, of the leaves of the plant family Theaceae, especially of the species *Camellia sinensis* (green tea) or typical constituents thereof (such as, e.g. polyphenols or catechins, caffeine, vitamins, sugar, minerals, amino acids, lipids) for the prophylaxis, treatment and/or care of dry skin conditions.

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